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December 18, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
Attention: Mr. Sam Schuchat
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for the Smith-Madrone Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The State of California has a unique opportunity to protect land adjacent to Bothe-Napa Valley State Park in Napa County, California. I strongly support the permanent protection of these 120 acres of forested open space and old-growth redwoods through combined purchase of a conservation easement and fee title acquisition.

Protection of this property is important for Napa County and Bothe-Napa Valley State Park because it will:

- Protect old-growth and second-growth redwoods on-site: The property contains one of the few remaining unprotected stands of old-growth redwoods in Napa County. According to the forester who appraised the timber for the League, 10 to 15 acres in the acquisition area are classified as a mixed old growth redwood forest, featuring huge ancient trees as well as many smaller, slow-growing trees that may themselves be several hundred years old. The remainder of the acquisition area, as well as most of the conservation easement land, is covered in a relatively natural forest with scattered ancient trees, and has been shaped by fire, slides and other natural disturbances rather than by the hand of man—a rare kind of redwood forest in the midst of this massively altered landscape.
- Protect the Ritchey Creek watershed: The acquisition lands sit towards the top of the ridge overlooking the redwood corridor bordering Ritchey Creek, a steelhead-bearing stream which runs through Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. The property also contains one year-round tributary to Ritchey Creek and a number of seasonal tributaries. The removal of two

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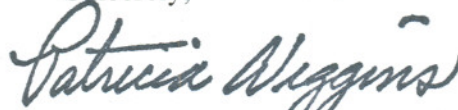
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potential development sites will further protect the creek and the other natural resource values of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park.

- Preserve genetic diversity: The redwoods on this property are unusual given their location at the eastern edge of the coast redwood range. In the face of global climate change, redwoods that are likely genetically adapted to drier and warmer conditions are especially important to protect.
- Enhance species diversity: According to the California Department of Fish and Game Natural Diversity Database, 17 endangered and threatened species listed at the state and federal level have been reported in the area surrounding the property and spotted owls have been reported near the property.

I trust that the Conservancy will give this project careful consideration and hope that it will grant the funds necessary to protect this unique property. If I can in any way assist you or members of the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



PATRICIA WIGGINS
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Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
Attention: Mr. Sam Schuchat
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Oakland, CA 94612
By Facsimile (510)286-0470

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I urge your support of a \$600,000 grant request submitted by Save-the-Redwoods League to protect 120 acres spread over two parcels adjacent to Bothe-Napa Valley State Park. This is a unique opportunity to protect lands with high ecosystem and habitat value readily available for public access.

The protection of this property through conservation easement and fee title acquisition will protect old growth and second-growth redwoods, preserve genetic diversity among redwoods, and protect the Ritchey Creek watershed which provides spawning habitat for steelhead. It will also enhance species diversity. Seventeen endangered and threatened species listed at state and federal levels have been reported in the area surrounding the property. The nearby area is also home to 60 other sensitive and rare species.

The property contains one of the few remaining unprotected stands of old-growth redwoods in Napa County. 10 to 15 acres in the acquisition area are classified as a mixed old growth redwood forest, featuring huge ancient trees as well as many smaller, slow-growing trees that may themselves be several hundred years old. The remainder of the acquisition area is covered in a relatively natural forest with scattered ancient trees. This is truly a rare kind of redwood forest in the midst of this massively altered landscape.

If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

NOREEN EVANS
Assemblymember, 7th District

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cc: Ruskin Hartley, Save the Redwoods League





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December 20, 2007

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
Attention: Mr. Sam Schuchat
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, CA 94612

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Enhance species diversity: According to the California Department of Fish and Game Natural Diversity Database, 17 endangered and threatened species listed at the state and federal level have been reported in the area surrounding the property and thus have the potential to occur there, including California tiger salamander, California freshwater shrimp, California red-legged frog, and American peregrine falcon. Spotted owls have been reported near the property. The nearby area is also home to 60 other sensitive and rare species.

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Sincerely



Supervisor Diane Dillon
County of Napa, District 3



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December 21, 2007

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